(c) whether it is contemplated to translate and publish it into any Indian language ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY) : (a) The position with regard to publication, sale, free distribution and stock of the collected works of, Mahatma Gandhi published by the Publication Division, in English and Hindi, is as below :

		No. of books
published	—	8,95,484
sold	—	6,28,077
free distribution	—	43,337
in stock	—	2,24,070

(b) Sale of this publication is being promoted through the marketing network of Publications Division, spread throughout the country and by active participation in exhibitions and book fairs. Services of commission agents are also being used to promote the distribution.

(c) No, Sir.

Urdu Programme Executive In AIR And Doordarshan

4491. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AJMI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the number of sanctioned posts of Urdu Programme Executive (PEX) in All India Radio and Doordarshan, separately, all over the country;

(b) the number of posts of Urdu PEX lying vacant in All India Radio and Doordarshan, separately, and since when;

(c) the prescribed qualification for the post of Urdu PEX.

(d) the number of posts of Urdu PEX on which persons not having prescribed qualifications are working;

(e) the steps taken so far, by the Ministry to fill up these vacant posts; and

(f) by when these posts are proposed to be filled up ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) While there is no such post in Doordarshan. AIR has 27 posts of Programme Executive (Urdu).

(b) 9 posts are lying vacant. Out of this 1 post from July 92, 1 from February, 92, 2 from July 93, 1 from July 98 and 4 posts from January, 99 are lying vacant.

(c) and (d) The qualification for the post of PEX is M.A. degree of recognised University or equivalent, however incumbents having knowldege of Urdu languages are posted against the post of PEX (Urdu).

(e) and (f) The posts of PEX in AIR has come within the purview of Prasar Bharati. The filling up of vacant of PEX (Urdu) is dependent on finalisation of the rules and regulations relating to recruitment, service conditions etc. in Prasar Bharati for which action has already been initiated.

Commercial Earnings by Doordarshan

4492. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the total earnings of Doordarshan through commercials for the financial year 1999-2000 zone-wise.

(b) the increase in percentage as compared to last financial year;

(c) the steps being taken to improve the earnings through commericals;

(d) whether it is a fact that commercial rates of Doordarshan are not competitive as compared to those of the private channels, and

(e) if so, what steps are being taken to correct this situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) Total earnings of Doordarshan through commercial for the financial year 1999-2000 were Rs. 600.29 crores. Kendra-wise details are enclosed as a Statement. (See below).

(b) The increase was 47%